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FM AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 500

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 480

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EWWT, PINR, SE, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET TRAWLERS CALL AT OUT-LYING SEYCHELLES ISLAND
WITHOUT GOS AUTHORIZATION

POLICE COMMISSIONER PILLAY TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 16 THAT TWO
SOVIET TRAWLERS HAD ANCHORED OFF COETIVY ISLAND (170 MILES
SE OF MAHE) AUGUST 12 AND THAT SOVIET PERSONNEL HAD COME
ASHORE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT.
GOS REACTION ON LEARNING BY RADIO OF TRAWLERS' PRESENCE HAD
BEEN TO COMPLAIN SHARPLY TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR STARTSEV.
STARTSEV WAS TOLD THAT IN FUTURE SOVIET EMBASSY WOULD BE
EXPECTED TO PROVIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR ALL TRAWLER VISITS,
AND THAT TRAWLERS MUST CALL AT MAHE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO OUT-
LYING ISLANDS. STARTSEV CLAIMED HE KNEW NOTHING OF TRAWLERS'
VISIT DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WITH MOSCOW. PILLAY
SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT GOS DID NOT BELIEVE HIM. APPARENTLY
ANOTHER GROUP OF SOVIET TRAWLERS PUT IN TO A DIFFERENT ISLAND
LAST MONTH, ALSO WITHOUT PROVIDING PRIOR NOTIFICATION.
STARSTEV HAD GIVEN THE SAME EXCUSE AT THAT TIME. PILLAY
SAID HE WAS PLANNING A TRIP TO THESE ISLANDS TO TRY TO
DETERMINE WHAT THE ATTRACTION TO THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE.
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